

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1168

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. O. Thomas Johns, recipient of the 2010 Thomas A. Brady Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid Tennesseans who have dedicated their time and energies to their communities and their professions; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is O. Thomas Johns, MD, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, who was recently named as the recipient of the 2010 Thomas A. Brady Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a native and longtime resident of Murfreesboro, Dr. Johns graduated from Murfreesboro Central High School before matriculating to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from MTSU in 1968, Dr. Johns pursued his post-graduate education at University of Tennessee, Memphis, from which he earned his Doctorate of Medicine in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Johns completed his internship and post-doctoral work at Tampa General Hospital, University of South Florida Hospital, and Vanderbilt University Hospital, performing with acumen and alacrity in all his tasks. His dedication garnered him the Upjohn Achievement Award of 1973, which is given to the Intern of the Year; and

WHEREAS, currently licensed to practice medicine in the states of Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee, Dr. Johns was appointed to the hospital staff at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro in August of 1978, certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in

November of 1980, and has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johns also serves as the Team Physician for the MTSU Blue Raiders; and

WHEREAS, a talented and committed member of his profession, Dr. Thomas Johns is a member of several orthopedic societies, including the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, the Arthroscopy Association of North America, and the Vanderbilt Orthopedic Society, and also renders sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Medical Association and the Stones River Medical Society, which he served as president between 1989 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johns has built a storied medical career full of impressive accomplishments, two of which are his inclusion as a member of the 1996 Olympic Medical Team, Track and Field, and his induction into the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Thomas Johns was named as a delegate for the State of Tennessee by the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine between 2000 and 2003, was designated as the 2007 Physician of the Year by the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, garnered the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society's 1998 Sports Medicine Person of the Year award, and gained the Middle Tennessee State University Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Betsy, and their three children, Captain Oscar Thomas Johns III, Judson Heidt Johns, and Dr. Rebecca Johns-Wommack; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johns's contributions to his field and his community are without parallel, and it is wholly fitting that he be formally recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Dr. O. Thomas Johns upon his reception of the 2010 Thomas A. Brady Community Service Award, applauding his many

contributions to his community and to Tennessee and extending our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.